

Robert Stephenson - see DNB

Civil Engineer 1803 - 1859.

Son of George Stephenson, developer of 'Rocket' steam engine.

Studied at Edinburgh University and played an important part in constructing 'Rocket'.

Built London-Birmingham Railway Line 1833-8.

Built many bridges, e.g. Newcastle, Victoria Bridge, Berwick, Montreal, Primrose Hill (the centre tunnel).

Conservative MP for Whitby 1847-59.

President Institute Civil Engineers 1856-7.

FRS 1842, DCL (Oxford) 1857.

Received Orders from Belgium and Norway and acclaim all over the world.

Buried in Westminster Abbey.

Frances, his wife, buried in Hampstead. They lived at 5 Devonshire Place, Haverstock Hill, 1825-43.